

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
	10/009,625	DUPIRE ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Nathan M. Nutter	1711

-- **The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to 20 October 2003.
2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 21-24, 27-30 and 36-42.
3.  The drawings filed on 10 December 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a)  All
  - b)  Some\*
  - c)  None
 of the:
  1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

5.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
  - (a)  The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

7.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.
  - (a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b)  including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the Examiner.
  - (c)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet.

9.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)<br>3 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)<br>5 <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. _____.<br>7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)<br>4 <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____.<br>6 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment<br>8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance<br>9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
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## **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: No prior art has been found that either teaches or fairly suggests the production of a bimodal polypropylene blend comprising from 50 to 70 wt% of a first high molecular weight fraction and from 50 to 30 wt% of a second low molecular weight fraction and having a melt dispersion index of from 8 to 70 and a ratio Mz/Mn of at least 10 and processing the blend in the melt by drawing and cooling the blend to form a solid product, as herein claimed. With applicants' amendment of 20 October 2003, the incorporation of subject matter from claim 25 into claim 21 removes any basis for a rejection of claims under either section 35 U.S.C. 102 or 35 U.S.C. 103 in view of the reference to Okada et al, since that subject matter was neither taught nor suggested by Okada et al. Since there are no other outstanding issues with regard to the clarity or enablement of the claims, these claims are deemed to contain allowable subject matter.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nathan M. Nutter whose telephone number is 703-308-2443. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:30 am to 6:00 pm.

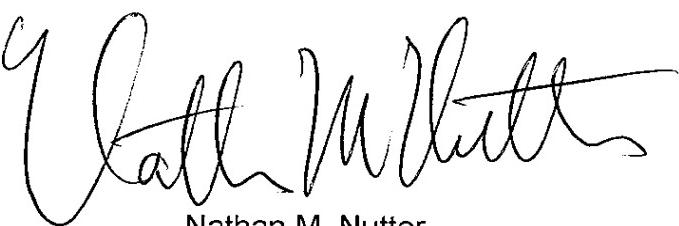
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James J. Seidleck can be reached on 703-308-2462. The fax phone

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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703)  
872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or  
proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-  
0661.



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